

**GEORGIA CYBER ACADEMY (GCA)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** April 22, 2020 | **TIME:** 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**LOCATION:** [REDACTED]

**CONFERENCE CALL DIAL-IN #:** 1.515.606.5371 | **ACCESS CODE:** 675050#

Zoom Meeting: <https://georgiacyber.zoom.us/j/7058249578>

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**Attendees:** Kenneth Asher (Board Chair), Ben Brumfield, Eric Cochling, Andrew Lewis, Juliann McBrayer

**Absent:**

**Board Employees/Contractors:** Angela Lassetter (HOS), Michael Kooi (Executive Director), Andre Hopewell (CFO), Alexa Ross (General Counsel), Charlie Harper (Communications)

**Staff Attendees:** Melissa Komolafe, Konteint Redmon, Ahoba Arthur, Maria Waters, Susan Hammonds Harris, Kristen Blanda, Rosie Lowndes, Maria Blencowe, Jennifer Mitchell, Amina Ross, Deirdre Daniels, Lucretia Nolan, Cassie Gatch, Stacy Clendenen, Casey Johnson, Ingrid Bailey, Daniel Keiger, Holly Bishop, Heidi Hickman, Ashley Jackson, Ellen Holland, Jessica Greear, Brandi Eley, Cathy Harper, Jennifer Harper, Amanda Seebode, Jermal McCoy, Marilyn Hobgood, Jennifer Hunnicutt, Lynea Laws, Brian Daughtry, Kristen Rosenquist, Caroline Johnson, Cristy Teague, Kelly Hanna, Stacey Porter, Michelle Blackwell, Demetres Thomas, Heather Milleman

**Parents:** Due to the large number of staff and parents that dialed in to the meeting we are unable to document all names

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:**

	MOTION	SECOND	VOTE
Motion to approve March 2020 board meeting minutes	Juliann McBrayer	Andrew Lewis	Unanimous approved.
Motion to approve amendments to GCA Media Relations Policy	Eric Cochling	Andrew Lewis	Unanimous approved.
Motion to approve amendments to GCA Professional Qualifications Policy	Juliann McBrayer	Eric Cochling	Unanimous approved.
Motion to move to executive session	Eric Cochling	Andrew Lewis	Unanimous approved.
Motion to adjourn Board meeting	Ben Brumfield	Andrew Lewis	Unanimous approved

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- I. Call to order- Kenneth Tennyson Asher at 5:06pm
  - A. Welcome
- II. Review and approval of March 2020 meeting minutes
  - A. Motion to approve by Juliann McBrayer, seconded by Andrew Lewis, unanimously approved.
- III. Review and approval of amendments to GCA Media Relations Policy – Mike Kooi
  - A. Policy originally written when K12 was still managing school
    - i. Made some clarifications- Angela and Mike are designated spokespeople for the school
    - ii. Mike Kooi is point of contact and it is his responsibility to coordinate media requests
    - iii. Went through governance back in February
  - B. Motion to approve by Eric Cochling, seconded by Andrew Lewis, unanimously approved.
- IV. Review and approval of amendments to GCA Professional Qualifications Policy - Mike Kooi
  - A. Made changes to some of the wording and substantive change
    - i. Guidance received from DOE regarding waiving GA PSC academic content requirement for SPED teachers
    - ii. Cannot waive SPED certification requirement
    - iii. Also reviewed by Alexa Ross and Lucretia Nolan
  - B. Motion to approve by Juliann McBrayer, seconded by Eric Cochling, unanimously approved.
- V. Finance Committee report – Andre Hopewell
  - A. Executive summary
    - i. Discussed in-depth at finance committee- funding is \$82.5 million due to hold harmless- total funding will go up just below \$87 million- federal funds are \$6.7 million- trying to roll-over more than 15% due to COVID-19
  - B. Year to date summary
    - i. \$65.6 million- savings \$5.5 million- held off on some programs due to litigation
  - C. KPI expectations for Commission financial framework
    - i. On track to meet all expectations- right now at 85
  - D. Page 9 budget vs. year to date actuals
    - i. Run rate below what it should be
  - E. Budget for 20/21
    - i. Complications this year due to economy- Georgia Legislature cannot meet right now- allotment may not be received until June- will affect budgeting process- will try to decrease expenses
    - ii. Will meet with staff for program costs to determine projections
    - iii. Kenneth question- is GCA applying for any grants through CARES Act- Andre- we are considering applying- some funds have already been exhausted
    - iv. Mike and Andre will engage capital regarding funding
    - v. Chat question about staffing cuts- Andre- right now not projecting staffing cuts- won't know for sure until after June
- VI. Academic Oversight Committee update -Juliann McBrayer
  - A. April 15 was AO committee meeting
    - i. Testing update from Angela- testing suspended for rest of year
    - ii. Curriculum plan for 20/21- all changes within same academic budget for 19/20
  - B. Bell Schedule concerns
    - i. Leadership is reviewing concerns- HOS sent communication to teachers explaining purpose for Bell schedule- not set in stone- want to align and structure day- board will provide guidance and insight as needed but all will be handled internally- will not address all comments during public

comment- we will work towards solution- are monitoring questions and chat- Melissa will review and share with directors accordingly

VII. Head of School Report – Angela Lassetter

- A. Governance Dashboard
- B. Academic Data
  - i. Writescore data- Kenneth requested data at AO committee meeting
  - ii. Cumulative Iready data- all students combined then separated-pleased with data
- C. No spring and summer testing
  - i. CCRPI will not be calculated- grad rate will still be calculated
- D. 1-year extension granted by SCSC
- E. All F2F events canceled through end of 19/20
- F. District office closed through end of 19/20
- G. Graduation still on but exploring options for virtual graduation
- H. Emergency enrollment- 113 children started in April
- I. Re-registration has started for 20/21 school year
- J. Participated in webinars for SCSC
- K. Resource page set up on website
- L. Mike- commission added 1 year to charter- no data for current year so putting off renewal for charters that are up for renewal

VIII. Next Board of Directors Meeting

- A. May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - i. Alexa- offices may not be open by then- plan on doing virtual meeting

IX. Public Comment

- A. Mike- due to number of people online we will not be able to take all comments- submit comments to [feedback@georgiacyber.org](mailto:feedback@georgiacyber.org)
- B. Comment from parent- concerns about the bell schedule- speech therapy needs
  - i. Kenneth- bell schedule still being discussed- not following traditional public school outline- will keep flexibility- appreciate all parents, teachers and staff
  - ii. Alexa- assures parent that any speech therapy or any other 504 required service will not be affected
  - iii. Comment from parent- concern about 9a-3:30p schedule- signed up for flexibility
  - iv. Teacher comment- concerned about signing contracts before bell schedule decided- Alexa- contracts must be discussed in exec session
  - v. Teacher comment- concerned that teachers feel like they are not heard regarding policy, testing, gradebook, scheduling
  - vi. Comment from parent- bell schedule concern- added stress to teachers and students- too much testing- if schedule implemented will there be less testing- outside of state required testing
  - vii. Comment from parent- concerned about amount of screen time- ‘Zoom fatigue’- extra assessments not required- not why they came to GCA
  - viii. Kenneth- thank you everyone for comments- will only make us a better school- value input

- X. Motion to move to executive session to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims administrative proceedings or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer of employee or in which the officer of employee may be directly involved, Motion by Eric Cochling, seconded by Andrew Lewis, unanimously approved.

XI. ADJOURN

A. Motion to adjourn by Ben Brumfield, seconded by Andrew Lewis, unanimously approved